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SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

REF: NDJAMENA 2635

1. WE RECOGNIZE PRESSURES YOU MUST BE UNDER TO SAY
SOMETHING "CONCRETE" ABOUT ASSISTANCE, BUT TO SAY ANYTHING
TO THE GOC NOW BEYOND "WE ARE WORKING HARD" COULD
BE MISLEADING AND COULD CREATE MORE PROBLEMS IN THE LONG
RUN.

2. THE FOLLOWING, WHICH IS STRICTLY FOR YOUR INFORMATION,
IS THE CURRENT IN-HOUSE STATE OF PLAY ON THE SUBJECT:

A. A MEMO FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT HAS GONE
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FORWARD REQUESTING PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL ON COORDINATION
OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE THROUGH A SERIES OF BILATERAL
CONCERTATIONS; PREPARATION OF A PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION
MAKING CHAD ELIGIBLE FOR MILITARY SALES; AUTHORIZATION
TO APPROVE TRANSFERS TO CHAD OF NON-LETHAL AS WELL AS
LETHAL U.S. ORIGIN EQUIPMENT.

B. WE HAVE PREPARED AN ILLUSTRATIVE PACKAGE INCLUDING
A LIST OF U.S. FIRMS CAPABLE OF PROVIDING SOME OF THE NON-
LETHAL EQUIPMENT CHAD HAS REQUESTED, SO THAT WE CAN MOVE
QUICKLY SHOULD THE GOC COME UP WITH A SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR
COMMERCIAL PURCHASES.

3. AS SOON AS WE HAVE SOME INDICATION FROM THE WHITE
HOUSE ON OUR RECOMMENDATIONS, WE WILL INFORM YOU.

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